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William Rogers  
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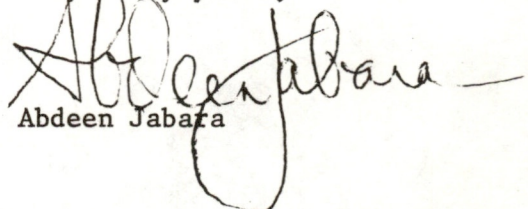
Dear Secretary Rogers:

I have been retained by Mr. James Lafferty, one of the national coordinators of the National Peace Action Coalition, to represent him concerning the obtaining of copies of certain studies which have been prepared by or with the cooperation and assistance of your department, concerning the involvement of the United States in the Middle East and the role of Israel in U.S. strategic planning. These studies include a voluminous study prepared in 1967 and 1968 by Ambassador Julius Holmes at the request of President Johnson, a study prepared in 1967 by Mr. McGeorge Bundy at the request of President Johnson, a study prepared by Rand pursuant to a request by Henry Kissinger concerning "the circumstances in which American nuclear weapons might be used in the Middle East," numerous political studies of Rand under the direction of Professor Sidney Alexander of M.I.T., financed by the Ford Foundation, and certain unpublished volumes of the so-called Pentagon papers.

My client, Mr. Lafferty, is desirous of securing a full presentation of all facts concerning U.S. involvement in the Middle East, short of jeopardizing national security, and is increasingly concerned that the policies pursued in the area on behalf of Israel by the last several U.S. administrations is leading toward the creation of a situation in the Middle East not unlike that now faced by the American people in Southeast Asia, involving the deployment of American military personnel, to a situation for which the U.S. would bear much of the responsibility.

Therefore, we are hereby making a formal written request to your office for the disclosure and transmittal to us of the mentioned studies and any others on this same subject matter.

Very truly yours,

  
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